

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 12th January 2017

Present: Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. P Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr S. Hoyland, Cllr. D. Gray, Cllr A Turner and Cllr. G Foxton.

Also present were 1 member of the public, County Cllr. R. Baker, the Clerk Alexandra Little and a representative of North Yorkshire Police.

1. Members of the Public

A parishioner commented on the excellent new footpath at Memorial Park and hopes the Parish Council are able to upgrade some of the other paths the same way. He also reminded the Clerk that he expected minutes and bullet points to be on the village notice board, which is being addressed.

2. Apologies for absence from Cllr. P. Chapman.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NY Police Incident Report:

3 ASB

1 Auto Crime

5 Thefts including those at allotments

3 Suspicious Circumstances

5 Road Related Incidents

NYP are visiting the allotments following the recent spate of thefts with a security dot machine to mark personal property. A cycle safety campaign is also underway.

5. Report from County Councillor Baker: Cllr Baker advised that Blakey Bridge repairs had been carried out. Cllr Robson asked Cllr Baker to advise the parish council if these are temporary or permanent repairs.

Cllr Baker advised that he has not yet received an application from the library for funds from his Locality Budget.

Fly Posting was raised as notices for the Winter Event at the Auction Mart are still up, Cllr Baker gave the clerk details of who to contact regarding this.

Cllr Baker was asked what the current situation was regarding the catering contract at Meadowfields, he knows nothing further at this stage but will update at the next meeting.

6. Reports from District Councillors:

Phase three of the housing at Sowerby Gateway will trigger the construction of the new junction. A planning application is live for these homes and the highways Agency will be responsible for the junction work

Cllr Robson advised that the Library rate relief issue has brought a lot of bad press to Hambleton District Council however no one has actually approached the district council to

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claim this relief as yet. The Audit and Finance Committee are conducting a review of the Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy as a whole. Any individual application will be reviewed on its merits.

7. To discuss matters arising:

The Police were asked about the issue of a drone near the play area and were not aware of any problems.

8. Planning Applications:

see appendix i

The Parish Council wish to see application 16/02684/FUL approved.

9. Financial Matters:

9a Receipts None

9b To Note and Approve Payments

see

appendix ii

The invoice paid to TG Harper was slightly more than the estimate because he undertook some groundwork in readiness for the new fencing to be added, rather than the new path having to be disturbed when the fence is ready.

10. New Agenda Items: None

11. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

12. Sub Committees

Minutes were shared from the Rail User group, Flatts Trust AGM and Thirsk Town Hall committee.

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed

Fencing of Memorial Park to be chased up

Moles are being dealt with

Thirsk Festival activities are being planned and a social media campaign will start in March

Cllr Bardon advised that he and Santa would be retiring from their roles in the Carol Service.

Cllr Robson offered thanks to Cllr Bardon and Santa for their years of commitment. Letters of thanks will be sent to Santa and also to the ladies who cook and Tesco for their contribution of vegetables.

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th February 2017

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Appendix i Planning

Decisions		SPC Comments	Decision
16/02402/FUL	8 Mowbray Place Installation of external door	Wish to see approved	Granted
16/02188/FUK	The Beeches Extension	Wish to see approved	Granted
16/01950/FUL	30 Saxty Way Retrospective application for the installation of window in place of garage door	Wish to see approved	Granted
16/02086/FUL	3 Belgrave Terrace Construction of 2 Houses	Wish to see approved	Granted

Applications

16/02684/FUL	The Haven, Back Lane Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey extension
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Appendix ii Finance

Balances

Community Account as 1st January 2017	£ 104,941.10
Business Saver Account Balance as 4th October 2016	£ 9,042.35

Receipts £ 00.00

Payments		Chq No	£	VAT
08.12.2016	BT	DDM	101.17	
12.12.2016	NEST Standing Order Clerk Pension	DDM	72.97	
15.12.2016	Thirsk Town Hall Half Annual Insurance (from last meeting)	102210	1306.00	
23.12.2016	T G & H Harper Ltd	102213	7359.75	
03.01.2017	Office Rent Standing Order Payment	SO	312.00	
12.01.2017	SGS Quarterly Charge plus additional tree and ground works	102214/5	4018.96	803.79
12.01.2017	Ian Barwick	102216	135.00	
15.01.2017	C M A Little Clerk's Salary	SO	737.92	

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Appendix iii Correspondence

Emails have been circulated during the time since the last meeting and no further action necessary

Northern Powergrid Request for Christmas Tree lights usage

Co Option Letter of Interest